

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-15 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-12 have been amended, claim 6 has been cancelled and claims 13-15 have been added. It is noted that claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-12 were not amended to overcome the rejections and objections, or in light of the cited references. Rather, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-12 were amended to make it more clear what Assignee considers claimed subject matter. Furthermore, it is believed that these amendments do not narrow claim scope. Rather, in some cases, the claims are even broadened. Therefore, no prosecution history estoppel should result from these claim amendments. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that adequate support may be found in the specification for new claims 13-15. For example, adequate support may be found in page 5 line 20 to page 6 line 12, page 7 lines 14-25, Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

In the Office Action, dated August 12th, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fall (US Patent No. 5,991,515) in view of Davis (US Patent No. 6,512,856); rejected claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) and being unpatentable over the combination of Fall and Davis and further in view of Sakai (US Patent No. 6,735,740); and rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Fall, Davis and Sakai and further in view of Nelson (US Patent No. 6,804,401). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Assignee respectfully submits that claims 1-5 and 7-12, as amended, are not rendered obvious by the various cited art. The Examiner concedes that Fall is lacking at least one element of the rejected claims. According to the Examiner, "he does not expressly disclose the capturing of the document with an image-capturing system for capturing said data of said document..." Although Assignee does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the rejected claims, it is respectfully submitted that none of Davis, Sakai or Nelson cure the deficiency noted by the Examiner, and all of the cited patents, whether viewed alone or in combination, are lacking at least one element of the rejected claims.

As just an example, referring to claim 1, as amended, Fall does not show or describe at least "an image-processing component adapted to generate data to display a preliminary scanned image

model for use in processing at least a portion of a scanned image, and further adapted to receive a selection of a compression model from among a plurality of compression models defining a plurality of compression ratios for use in processing a scanned image” In the portions of Fall cited by the Examiner, a method is described wherein software routines are implemented to compress bitmap images prior to storage to save storage space. It is respectfully submitted that there is no contemplation of displaying a preliminary scanned image and receiving a selection of a compression model as described in claim 1. Fall does not appear to relate at all to displaying a preliminary scanned image, but, rather, a pre-existing image is selectively compressed for the purposes of storage.

Likewise, Davis does not show or describe at least one element of claim 1, as amended. For example, Davis does not show or describe displaying a preliminary scanned image and receiving a selection of a compression model. Davis describes a method of information stamping a scanned image, and does not show or describe at least the limitations noted above.

Sakai additionally does not show or describe at least one element of claim 1, as amended. For example, Sakai does not show or describe “an image-processing component adapted to generate data to display a preliminary scanned image model for use in processing at least a portion of a scanned image, and further adapted to receive a selection of a compression model from among a plurality of compression models defining a plurality of compression ratios for use in processing a scanned image” Sakai describes a method of displaying a plurality of partial images on a display device, and selecting and displaying the partial images. Sakai does not address receiving a selection of a compression model as recited in claim 1, as amended, and, therefore, does not show or describe at least the limitations noted above.

Nelson additionally does not show or describe at least one element of claim 1, as amended. For example, Sakai does not show or describe “an image-processing component adapted to generate data to display a preliminary scanned image model for use in processing at least a portion of a scanned image, and further adapted to receive a selection of a compression model from among a plurality of compression models defining a plurality of compression ratios for use in processing a scanned image” Nelson describes a method of iteratively compressing an image by using various compression

schemes to comply with compression constraints. Nelson does not address receiving a selection of a compression model, such as noted above.

Assignee respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons presented above, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established, and, therefore, claim 1, as amended, is in a condition for allowance. It is noted that many other bases for traversing the rejection could be provided, but Assignee believes that this ground is sufficient. Additionally, claims 2-5 and 7-12, as amended, are in a condition for allowance for the same and/or similar reasons as presented with reference to claim 1, as amended, and new claims 13-15 are in a condition for allowance for the same and/or similar reasons as presented with reference to claim 1, as amended. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejections of these claims.

CONCLUSION

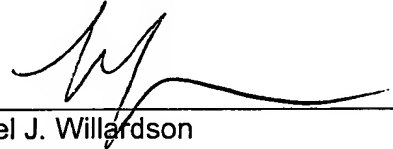
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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